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73. (cancelled)

74. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 139, the user initiated command being given through a single HTML tag on ~~the primary~~ its anchoring web page.

75. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 139, the user initiated command being a keystroke command code.

76. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 139, the user initiated command being through an icon.

77. (cancelled)

78. (original) The method as defined in claim 76, the icon being on a browser's tool bar.

79. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70, further including a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the ~~primary web page to add~~ for associating a new supplementary link ~~to the primary~~ with that web page.

80. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 79, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can add associate a new supplementary link ~~to the primary with that~~ web page, the ~~addition~~ associating of the new supplementary link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.

81. (original) The method as defined in claim 70, further including means for searching for supplementary links within a specified proximity to a cursor.

82. (original) The method as defined in claim 70, further including a search engine that searches for supplementary links that meet specified search criterion.

83. (currently amended) A method of linking web pages, comprising the steps of associating at least one supplementary link with a primary web page, each such supplementary link does not have an anchor ~~on the primary~~ within the content of that web page, each supplementary link providing access to at least one secondary web page, each supplementary link excluding those features of the anchor which make a hypertext link visible and selectable in the output rendering of the primary web page, each supplementary link being normally hidden from the view of the user so as not to disrupt the flow of text or graphics displayed on the web page;

providing information processing means by which each supplementary link may be transformed into a regular hypertext link.

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86. (cancelled)

87. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 83, the information processing means being through at least one HTML tag on the ~~primary~~ web page.

88. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 83, the information processing means being a keystroke command code.

89. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 83, the information processing means being through an icon.

90. (cancelled)

91. (original) The method as defined in claim 89, the icon being on a browser's tool bar.

92. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 83, further including a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the primary web page to add associate a new supplementary link to the ~~primary~~ with that web page.

93. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 92, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can add associate a new supplementary link to the ~~primary~~ with the web page, the addition associating of the new supplementary link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.

94. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 83, further including ways for searching for ~~hidden~~ supplementary links within a specified proximity to a cursor.

95. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 83, further including a search engine that searches for ~~hidden~~ supplementary links that meet specified search criterion.

96. (cancelled)

97. (cancelled)

98. (currently amended) A method of linking web pages, comprising the steps of:  
~~associating several supplementary hidden links with a primary web page, each supplementary link lacks the features used to make the anchor of a normal hypertext link selectable, each supplementary link being normally hidden from the view of the user so as not to disrupt the flow of text or graphics displayed on the web page;~~  
associating at least one supplementary link with its anchoring web page, each such supplementary link including those features of the anchor which identify the target of a hypertext link while also excluding those features of the anchor which allow a hypertext link to be selected by the user;

providing information processing means by which each at least one supplementary link may be transformed into a regular hypertext link.

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99 through 134 (Cancelled)

135. (currently amended) The method as defined in Claim 70, the association between the at least one supplementary link and the ~~primary~~ its anchoring web page being explicitly reflected as content within the ~~primary~~ its anchoring web page.

136. (currently amended) The method as defined in Claim 70, the association between at least one supplementary link and the ~~primary~~ its anchoring web page being implicitly derived from a selected attribute of the ~~primary~~ that web page.

137. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70, having multiple supplementary links, with each supplementary link being ~~linked to~~ associated with a pixel or a point between pixels on the ~~primary~~ associated web page.

138. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70, multiple supplementary links being ~~linked to~~ associated with an individual pixel or a point between pixels on the ~~primary~~ associated web page.

139. (previously presented) The method as defined in claim 70, where the information processing means is in response to a user initiated command.

140. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70, where the information processing means automatically transforms at least one supplementary link immediately upon the user accessing the ~~primary~~ associated web page.

141. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 83, where the information processing means automatically transforms at least one supplementary link immediately upon the user accessing the ~~primary~~ associated web page.

142. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 98, where the information processing means automatically transforms at least one supplementary link immediately upon the user accessing the ~~primary~~ associated web page.

143. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 98, further including a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the ~~primary~~ web page to ~~add~~ associate a new supplementary link to the ~~primary web with that~~ page.

144. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 143, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can ~~add~~ associate a new supplementary link to the ~~primary with that~~ web page, the ~~addition~~ associating of the new supplementary link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.

145. (currently amended) The method as defined in Claim 83, the association between at least one supplementary link and the ~~primary~~ web page being explicitly reflected as content